the Chairmanship of the Deputy Governor of RBI. Banks have been instructed to arrange necessary training programmes for the branch level officials to sensitize them to the needs of this sector. Further, cut-off dates for lapsing of sanction/disbursement have been prescribed and banks have been advised to adhere to the quarterly schedule for sanction and disbursement of PMRY loans. This will ensure reduction in the gap between sanction and disbursals under the scheme.

World Bank assistance to Uttaranchal

2701. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received certain proposals from Government of Uttaranchal for World Bank's assistance for various developmental schemes specially for its structural adjustment schemes; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and whether all the schemes have been recommended to the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

A proposal for "Uttaranchal Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project-II" was posed to World Bank on 10th January 2003. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 500 crores. The primary objective of the project is to improve the quality of Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Service.

Another proposal namely "Uttaranchal State Road Project" was posed to World Bank on 28th November 2002. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 865 crores. The objective of the project is to improve road infrastructure in the State.

There is no proposal from Government of Uttaranchal for structural adjustment scheme.